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AF/E FOR AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN FROM CHARGE D'AFFAIRES

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1. REFLECTING ON AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SCHAUFLE (REFTEL), I CONFESS TO THINKING OF ADDOU'S
PENCHANT FOR PUTTING BEST FACE ON THINGS EVEN IN MOST DIFFICULT
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PERIOD US/SOMALI RELATIONS, BUT, ON BALANCE, I WAS IMPRESSED THAT
HE MADE DEMARCHE "ON INSTRUCTIONS" AND THAT HE SHPOKE SO FRANKLY
OF GSDR'S CURRENT DIPLOMATIC DILEMMA.

2. DEMARCHE IS IN SAME SPIRIT AS, ALTHOUGH MORE EXPLICIT THAN,
CONTACTS WE HAVE HAD RECENTLY WITH LOWER-LEVEL GSDR OFFICIALS WHO,
FOR FIRST TIME IN OUR MEMORIES, ARE VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION AND

INVITING COOPERATION WITH US IN ROUTINE MATTERS. ATMOSPHERE WITHIN MOGADISCIO DIPLOMATIC CORPS IS CHANGING, TOO. SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS ARE LESS EXPANSIVE WITH NON-COMMUNIST COLLEAGUES, THEY HUDDLE TOGETHER MORE AND ARE OCCASIONALLY ABSENT FROM OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS, WHILE WESTERN AND THIRD WORLD DIPLOMATS RECEIVE UNUSUAL ATTENTION FROM SOLICITOUS PROTOCOL OFFICIALS. SOME ARAB DIPLOMATS, ANXIOUS NOT TO LOSE MOMENTUM OF RECENT SUDANESE INITIATIVE IN SOUTHERN RED SEA AREA, ARE PRIVATELY URGING ME TO TELL WASHINGTON THAT TIME IS RIGHT FOR US "MOVE" IN SOMALIA.

3. I AGREE, ALTHOUGH MOGADISCIO 0529/0530 (NOTAL) WILL SHOW THAT WE DO NOT EXPECT REVERSAL OF GSDR'S ALLIANCES ANY TIME SOON AND WOULD CAUTION AGAINST US OVER-REACTION TO CURRENT DIPLOMATIC OPPORTUNITIES. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE SITUATION HAS EVOLVED PAST POINT WHERE TOKEN GESTURES AND VERBAL ASSURANCES WILL COUNT AS EFFECTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS OF US GOOD-WILL. NOR IS SMALL US AID PACKAGE, WHICH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE TOLD PRESIDENT SIAD WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES, ANYWHERE NEAR IMPLEMENTATION. ALTHOUGH I RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTIES, BELIEVE SITUATION WARRANTS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF MODEST MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GSDR. SEELYE MADE POINT TO SIAD THAT US HAS NO CHOSEN INSTRUMENTS IN HORN OF AFRICA. PICKING UP FROM THERE, IT WOULD APPEAR BE LOGICAL AND USEFUL TO ALLOW GSDR ACCESS TO US SMALL ARMS (IF NOT HEAVY WEAPONS) ON SAME BASIS AS EPMG, ASSUMING LATTER IS NOT CUT OFF ALTOGETHER AS RESULT CURRENT POLICY REVIEW. I RECOMMEND SUCH CONSIDERATION.

4. AS QUID PRO QUO, BELIEVE US SHOULD INSIST ON ROUTINE ACCESS
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(NOT ONE TIME ONLY) FOR US NAVAL VESSELS, AND FOLLOW UP WITH EARLY VISIT. THIS WOULD BE AS POLITICALLY DIFFICULT FOR GSDR AS ARMS SALES TO GSDR WOULD BE FOR US, BUT SHOULD BE ATTAINABLE IN CIRCUMSTANCES. JACOBS
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